<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel Claims 1-17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter.

Please add Claims 18-29 as follows:

--18.   (New) A printing apparatus comprising:

a setting unit, adapted for setting a print medium type on a paper feeding unit;

a discrimination unit, adapted for executing a discrimination of whether a print medium type designated in data received from a host computer coincides with the print medium type set for the paper feeding unit by said setting unit;

a warning unit, adapted for giving a warning if the discrimination by said discrimination unit shows that the designated print medium type does not coincide with the set print medium type;

an activating unit, adapted for activating the paper feeding unit if the discrimination by said discrimination unit shows that the designated print medium type coincides with the set print medium type; and

a print unit, adapted for executing printing based on the data received from the host computer with the paper feeding unit activated by said activating unit.

19.   (New) A printing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein a plurality of the paper feeding units are available for said apparatus, said setting unit sets a plurality of print medium types on the respective paper feeding units, said discrimination unit executes the discrimination for each of the plurality of print medium types set for the plurality of paper feeding units by said setting unit, said warning unit gives a warning if the discrimination by said discrimination unit shows that the designated print medium type does not coincide with any of the set print medium types, said activating unit selects and activates one of the paper feeding units if the discrimination by said discrimination unit shows that the designated print medium type coincides with the print medium type set for the one paper feeding unit, and said print unit execute printing based on the data received from the host computer with the paper feeding unit selected and activated by said activating unit.

20.   (New) A printing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said setting unit sets the print medium type based on a command received from the host computer.

21.   (New) A printing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said discrimination unit executes the discrimination when said apparatus is set in an automatic mode.

22. (New) A printing apparatus that generates an image based on data received from a host computer and outputs the generated image to a print engine, said printing apparatus comprising:

a setting unit, adapted for setting a print medium type on a paper feeding unit;

a discrimination unit, adapted for executing a discrimination of whether a print medium type designated in the data received from the host computer coincides with the print medium type set for the paper feeding unit by said setting unit;

a warning unit, adapted for giving a warning if the discrimination by said discrimination unit shows that the designated print medium type does not coincide with the set print medium type; and

an activating unit, adapted for activating the paper feeding unit if the discrimination by said discrimination unit shows that the designated print medium type coincides with the st print medium type.

23. (New) A printing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein a plurality of the paper feeding units are available for said apparatus, said setting unit sets a plurality of print medium types on the respective paper feeding units, said discrimination unit executes the discrimination for each of the plurality of print medium types set for the plurality of paper feeding units by said setting unit, said warning unit gives a warning if the discrimination by said discrimination unit shows that the designated print medium type does not coincide with any of the set print medium types, and said activating unit selects

and activates one of the paper feeding units if the discrimination by said discrimination unit shows that the designated print medium type coincides with the print medium type set for the one paper feeding unit.

24.   (New) A printing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said setting unit sets the print medium type based on a command received from the host computer.

25.   (New) A printing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said discrimination unit executes the discrimination when said apparatus is set in an automatic mode.

26.   (New) A method of selecting a paper feeding unit, said method comprising:

a setting step of setting a print medium type on a paper feeding unit;

a discrimination step of executing a discrimination of whether a print medium type designated in data received from a host computer coincides with the print medium type set for the paper feeding unit in said setting step;

a warning step of giving a warning if the discrimination in said discrimination step shows that the designated print medium type does not coincide with the set print medium type; and

an activating step of activating the paper feeding unit if the discrimination in said discrimination step shows that the designated print medium type coincides with the set print medium type.

27.   (New) A method according to claim 26, wherein a plurality of the paper feeding units are available, said setting step sets a plurality of print medium types on the respective paper feeding units, said discrimination step executes the discrimination for each of the plurality of print medium types set for the plurality of paper feeding units in said setting step, said warning step gives a warning if the discrimination in said discrimination step shows that the designated print medium types does not coincide with any of the set print medium types, and said activating step selects and activates one of the paper feeding units if the discrimination in said discrimination step shows that the designated print medium type coincides with the print medium type set for the one paper feeding unit.

28.   (New) A method according to claim 26, wherein said setting step sets the print medium type based on a command received from the host computer.

29.   (New) A method according to claim 26, wherein said discrimination step executes the discrimination when said method is set in an automatic mode.--